



**JAIPURIA CULTURAL FEST  
MAY 1-2, 2026**

**THINK QUICK.  
SPEAK QUICKER.**

**JAM - JUST A MINUTE**

**TOPIC  
CURRENT AFFAIRS**





## Time allotted

- **Speaking Time:** 1 minute (30 seconds to choose topic + 30 seconds to assimilate thoughts)
- **Total Time:** 2 minutes



"In the heart of Bharat lies a story for every voice—speak it, celebrate it, and let it shine."

## Event Description

The Just A Minute (JAM) competition is a fast-paced and exciting test of spontaneous speaking skills, where participants must deliver a continuous, coherent, and engaging



speech on a given topic—all within 60 seconds! This competition challenges participants to think on their feet, articulate their thoughts fluently, and avoid hesitation, repetition, or deviation from the topic.

For the Bharat Vandan edition, participants will focus on current affairs, discussing recent events, developments, and news that reflect India's progress, achievements, and socio-political landscape. Topics will highlight important national events, government initiatives, technological advancements, sports achievements, environmental efforts, and other contemporary issues. JAM is not just about speaking—it's about precision, fluency, and impact. The best speakers will engage, inform, and captivate their audience in just one minute!



Type of participation	Individual
Maximum number of participants	1 from each category
Type of Entry	Zonal - Video; Finale - Live

## General Instructions

- The JAM competition will challenge participants to speak on topics inspired by Bharat Vandan—covering India's current affairs, achievements, initiatives, and events.



- Participants will have exactly 60 seconds to speak without hesitation, repetition, or deviation.
- Topics will reflect India's progress, contemporary milestones, and contributions of prominent figures or organizations.

## Additional Rules

- Continuous speech for 60 seconds is mandatory.
  - ▶ Hesitation refers to long pauses or fillers (uh, um, let me think).
  - ▶ Repetition means using the same words or ideas again and again.
  - ▶ Deviation is straying from the assigned topic.



- The speaker must stay on topic and keep their speech relevant to the theme Bharat Vandan.
- The speech must be clear, concise, and well-structured.
- The use of props or visual aids are not allowed.
- The speaker should maintain good body language, eye contact, and confident delivery
- The participant should aim to engage the audience with enthusiasm and energy.
- Participants will receive their topic on the spot and will have 30 seconds to gather their thoughts before speaking.



- There will be no prior preparation allowed for the topics, ensuring that all participants are evaluated based on their spontaneity and quick thinking

## Specific Instructions

### Zonal Rounds: Live (On Zoom)

- On the specified date, the zonal round will be conducted.
- All participants to join from their respective schools.
- Schools must ensure seamless internet connectivity during the competition.
- Topic will be selected using pickle wheel or similar online tool.

The logo for Crescendo 2026 Jaipuria Cultural Fest features a central white figure with arms raised, surrounded by icons: a palette, musical notes, a clock, and a face. The word "Crescendo" is written in large, colorful letters (C: purple, r: blue, e: green, s: orange, c: pink, e: green, n: orange, d: blue, o: orange), with "2026" in small black text above the final "o". Below it, "JAIPURIA CULTURAL FEST" is written in bold black capital letters.

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- Participants will be given 30 seconds to assimilate their thoughts and then must start speaking.
- Participants will speak for 60 seconds on topics related to Bharat Vandan—covering current affairs, national achievements, initiatives, and notable events in India.
- Judges' decision will be final.



## Finale

- One student per zone, per category will be selected for the finals.
- A total of 8 participants in each category will qualify for the final round.
- The topic can be text or graphic depending on the chits picked up by the participant.
- The moderator will read and/or show the topic on screen.
- The participant will take 30 seconds to assimilate their thoughts.
- Participants will then have exactly 60 seconds to speak on the assigned topic without hesitation, repetition, or deviation.



## Judgement Criteria

- **Fluency and Flow** – Smooth and continuous speech without hesitation, pauses, or self-correction. No fillers like um, uh, like, you know, hmm, well. Natural, confident, and uninterrupted delivery.
- **Content** – The speech must stay on topic and be factually accurate. Topics will reflect the Bharat Vandan theme, focusing on India's current affairs, initiatives, national events, and recent achievements.



- **Relevance** – Clear, logical, and structured ideas. Use of relevant examples, facts, or references related to India's contemporary progress and accomplishments.
- **Grammar and Vocabulary** – Correct sentence structure and grammar. Proper word usage and pronunciation. Rich vocabulary without over-complication.
- **Voice Modulation and Expression** – Effective use of tone, pitch, and emphasis to enhance speech. Expressiveness that conveys pride in Bharat and keeps the audience engaged. Confidence in voice projection.